(b) the rail linkages planned to improve the supply of coal of these plants; and

(c) the time-frame to implement these rail linkages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir Railways have been able to move coal to all the rail fed Thermal Power Stations as per the approved linkage and the coal stock in most of the Thermal Power Station are comfortable.

(b) Construction of new rail lines and improving the capacity of the existing rail lines is an ongoing process which is taken up in different parts of the country. Construction of these rail lines are planned keeping in view the overall traffic need. However, the linkage of coal to Power Stations is prepared quarterly on short-term basis for ensuring adequate supply of coal to Power Stations.

(c) Does not arise.

**Interim report of UC Banerjee Committee**

4755. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UC Banerjee Committee in its interim report revealed that the Godhra train fire was accidental;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether scores of people have been languishing in jails, arrested under POTA, on the charge of conspiring to set the coaches on fire; and

(d) if so, the details of persons booked by police in this connection and the present status of these accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee concluded in its interim report that the fire originated in the coach itself without any external input and ascribed it to be an accidental fire which engulfed the coir, the foam and the latex available on the berths coupled with the luggage of the passengers causing thereby the smell of burning and thereafter dense smoke culminating into leaping flames.

(c) and (d) As per the available information 90 persons are reported to be accused under one case filed under POTA relating to Godhra incident.

The Prevention of Terrorism (Repeal) Act, 2004 provides that the Review Committees constituted by the Central Government shall review all cases registered under POTA within a period of one year from the commencement of the Repeal Act i.e. up to 20.9.2005. The Central Government has constituted three Review Committees for the purpose. Where the Review Committees are of the opinion that there is no prima facie case for proceeding against the accused then the cases shall be deemed to have been withdrawn from the court of investigation closed as the case may be. The review of cases registered under POTA in Gujarat has already been undertaken by the concerned Central Review Committee on POTA.

**Nomination of Members on DRUCC etc.**

4756. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Ministry for nomination of Members on DRUCC, ZRUCC and NRUCC, etc ;

(b) whether there is any provision for nomination of Members from the Office of Divisional Railway Offices, Zonal Railway Offices etc., on the recommendation of D.R.M. and Zonal Railway Managers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of the persons belonging to various categories who are given representation on the Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committees (DRUCCs), Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees (ZRUCCs) and National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC) are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) General Managers of each zonal Railway can nominate one member on each of the DRUCC & ZRUCC to give representation to the interests which have not been adequately represented on the Committee.

***Statement***

*Nomination of Members on DRUCC etc.*

**DRUCC**

(1) Not more than six members to be appointed by the General Manager, made up of one representative each of local Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations and Industries and Agriculture Associations;

(2) Two representatives of the registered Passenger Associations in the area, to be appointed by the General Manager;